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To all Members of the US House of Representatives:

I write to express the support of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW) for H.R. 1101, *Small Business Health Fairness Act*.

The National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW) is the “national voice of wholesale distribution,” an association comprised of employers of all sizes, and national, regional, state and local line-of-trade associations that span the \$5.6 trillion wholesale distribution industry that employs over 5.9 million workers in the United States. Approximately 40,000 enterprises with places of businesses in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are affiliated with NAW.

HR 1101 authorizes the formation of multistate operation of association health plans (AHP). Enactment will enable smaller employers to realize cost-saving marketplace clout and economies of scale similar to that currently enjoyed by large corporations. The cost of providing health coverage as an employee benefit will consequently be brought within the reach of many small employers, and the ultimate beneficiaries will be small business employees and their dependents.

The considerable role the Nation’s employers play in our health insurance delivery system combines with the capacity of trade associations to marshal the resources of the small and medium-size employer community, to render AHPs uniquely attractive vehicles for providing quality health coverage to more workers and their families. NAW is pleased to support this legislation and urges your cosponsorship of it.

Thank you for your consideration of NAW’s views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James A. Anderson, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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